Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, "The Stars and Stripes Forever" has been designated the Official National March of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, A new tradition is being started to commemorate this stirring march by John Philip Sousa--the March King; and,

WHEREAS, The annual celebration of our nation's independence is a most appropriate occasion for this commemoration:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota do hereby urge all bands in the state to perform this march on July 4, 1988, either at 7 p.m. (EDT), or at the conclusion of their program. Additionally, all locations with chimes of bells are invited and urged to join the celebration by pealing their bells for three minutes, thirty seconds, at the hour of local performance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE